

## CALENDAR OF FLORAL DISPLAYS

All Dates Approximate

Greenhouse / Plant Conservatory - (Indoor)

Open seven days per week - 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Fall Show** — October 15 to December 15  
Chrysanthemums  
Cyclamen
- Christmas Show** — December 15 to January 15  
Poinsettias  
Cyclamen  
Christmas Cacti
- Spring Show** — January 15 to May 15  
Spring Flowering Bulbs  
Easter Lilies  
Cyclamen  
Cinerarias  
Schizanthus
- Summer Show** — May 15 to October 15  
Fancy Leaf Caladiums  
Hydrangea  
Fuchsias  
Foliage Plants  
Tropicals



## OUTDOOR DISPLAYS

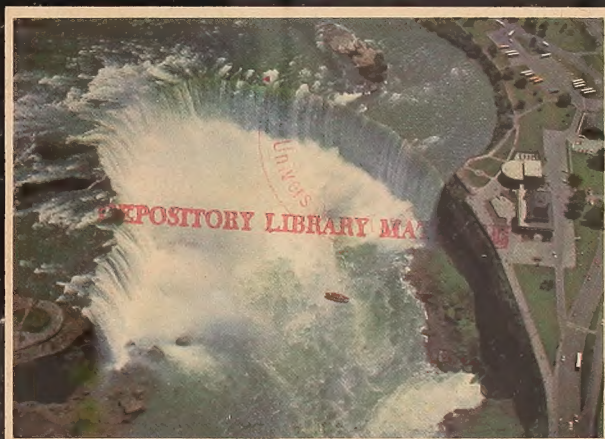
- Spring Flowering Bulbs** . . . . . Queen Victoria Park  
Oakes Garden Theatre  
April 15 - June 15 School of Horticulture
- Lilacs** . . . . . Niagara Glen  
May 12 - June 5 School of Horticulture  
Adjacent to Floral Clock
- Japanese Flowering Cherry** . . . . . Queen Victoria Park  
Oakes Garden Theatre  
May 12 - May 25 School of Horticulture  
Queenston Heights Park
- Summer Bedding and Perennials** . . . . . Fort Erie Park  
June 15 - Oct. 15 Mather Arch  
Queen Victoria Park  
Oakes Garden Theatre  
School of Horticulture  
Queenston Heights Park
- Roses** . . . . . Queen Victoria Park  
June 15 - Sept. 15 (2 gardens)  
School of Horticulture
- Iris and Peonies** . . . . . School of Horticulture  
May 24 - June 25
- Dahlias** . . . . . Queen Victoria Park  
Sept. 1 - Oct. 15
- Chrysanthemums (Hardy)** . . . . . School of Horticulture  
Sept. 15 - Nov. 1

# Your Free Family Vacation Guide To Ontario's Niagara Parks

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# NIAGARA FALLS

## AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

"Niagara Falls" — a name which brings to mind great visions of immense volumes of plunging, thundering water. But after you've seen the Falls, your visit to Niagara has just **begun!** There's an infinite variety of things to see and do in Ontario's Niagara Parks.

The first person to visit Niagara and publish a description and drawing of the mighty cataracts was a Jesuit priest, Father Louis Hennepin, in 1678—over 300 years ago!

Today, about 12 million people visit Niagara every year. They come from every spot on the globe—to stand in awe—to stand in wonder.

But Ontario's beautiful Niagara Parklands were not set up overnight. They are the result of many years of foresight, planning and dedication.

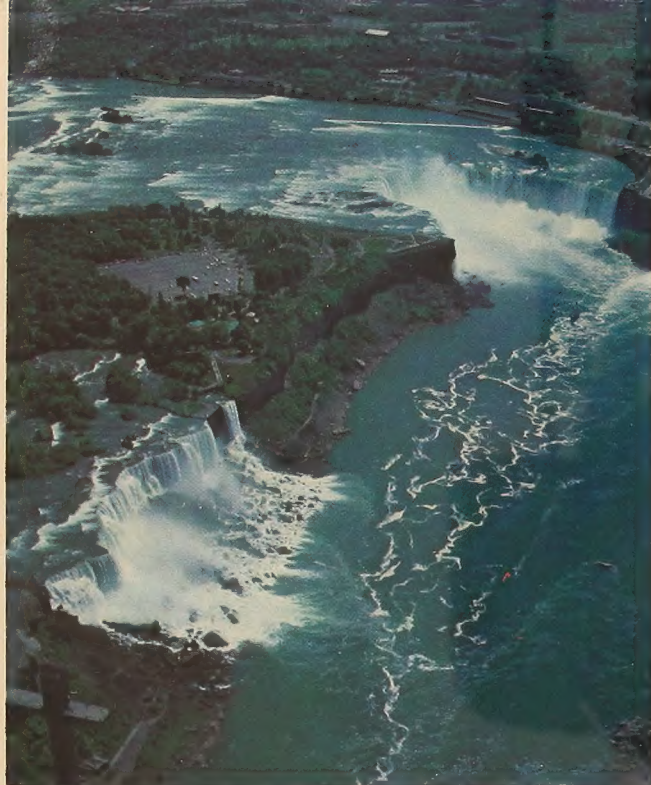
On March 30, 1885, the Ontario Legislature passed the Niagara Falls Park Act establishing Ontario's first Provincial Parklands. The Queen Victoria-Niagara Falls Park Act of April 23, 1887 officially established **The Niagara Parks Commission (N.P.C.)** and on May 24, 1888, The Niagara Parklands were officially opened to the public.

Initially, only 62.2 hectares (154 acres) in size, The Niagara Parks System today includes slightly more than 1130 hectares (2800 acres) extending along the entire length of the Niagara River—a distance of 56 kilometres (35 miles)—from Old Fort Erie to Niagara-on-the-Lake. The N.P.C. also administers Battlefield Park at Stoney Creek; Charles Daley Park along the Queen Elizabeth Way west of St. Catharines; and historic Drummond Hill Cemetery in the heart of Niagara Falls.

The main road for travelling within The Niagara Parks is the internationally-famous Scenic **Niagara Parkway** along the shoreline of the Niagara River. It's one of the most beautiful drives in the world!

One day is just not enough time to experience all the variety we have to offer, so **stay awhile**. There are many **free** attractions for the whole family to enjoy—an important economic consideration in your vacation budgeting. And Niagara is a place to visit at **every season**.

Financially, Ontario's Niagara Parks are self-funding. Thank you for your interest and for your patronage. It enables our Parks' staff to continue our Parks programme on your behalf.



### FALLS ILLUMINATION SCHEDULE

#### (Local Times)

	On	Off
November, December, January & February	7:00	9:30
March	7:00	10:00
April	7:30	10:30
May	9:00	12:00
June	9:15	12:00
July	9:15	12:30
August	9:00	12:30
September 1 to Labour Day	8:00	12:30
September & October	8:00	11:00

The Niagara Falls Illumination Board is responsible for the coloured night lighting on the Falls. The Falls are illuminated **every evening all year**. In addition to white lights, this lighting programme includes the following colours: rose pink, red magenta, amber, green and blue.



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## SCENIC BEAUTY

To provide an organized approach to the attractions and scenic beauty of The Niagara Parks System, this booklet has **four main sections**:

1. Queen Victoria Park (The Falls Area);
2. North Parkway (includes the boisterous Lower River and Niagara Gorge);
3. South Parkway (includes the serene expanses of the Upper River); and
4. Satellite Parks (Charles Daley Park—west of St. Catharines; and Battlefield Park—in Stoney Creek).

As you study the following pages, you'll quickly agree that Ontario's Niagara Parks offer **much more than just the Falls**. So stay awhile! And remember, **entry** into The Niagara Parks is **free of charge** (except at Charles Daley Park).

## ORGANIZED TOURS

One of the best ways to see the sights of Niagara is on an organized tour—either the Queen Victoria Park Viewmobiles or the Niagara River Sightseeing Package Tour.

**Viewmobiles**—The parkland area surrounding the Canadian Horseshoe Falls is a garden setting fit for royalty—and is aptly named Queen Victoria Park. The Viewmobiles provide a convenient transportation service within Queen Victoria Park, allowing you to take in all of the sights shown on the map on the next page. Pleasant hostesses provide a complete history and description of Niagara. Passengers are permitted to embark and disembark at several different locations while completing their journey on later trains at no additional cost.

**Niagara River Sightseeing Package Tour**—It provides a maximum opportunity to view Niagara Falls and the Niagara Gorge along the most spectacular section of the Niagara River—from the Canadian Horseshoe Falls to Queenston Heights.

These Tours can be purchased at our **"Tours and Information" booths** in Queen Victoria Park at:

- 1) Table Rock House at the brink of the Horseshoe Falls;
- 2) Victoria Park Restaurant at the junction of the Niagara Parkway and Murray Street;
- 3) Princess Elizabeth Building on the Niagara Parkway at the foot of Clifton Hill;
- 4) It may also be purchased at the Whirlpool Spanish Aero Car on the Niagara Parkway, 5.5 km (3½ miles) north of the Horseshoe Falls.



# Niagara Parkway



# THE FALLS AREA QUEEN VICTORIA PARK

Queen Victoria Park provides the best views of both cataracts—in summer and winter—an ideal place to stroll while you watch the coloured night lighting of the Falls.

## LEGEND

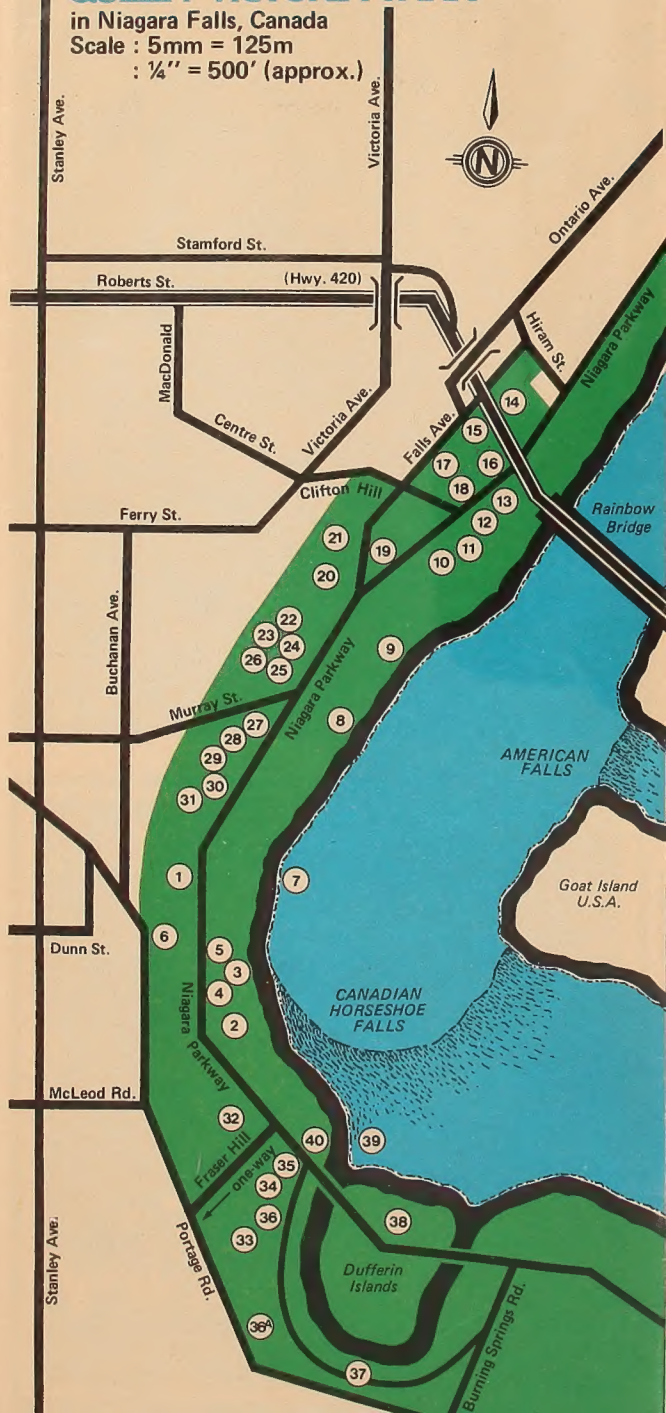
1. Table Rock Car Parking Lot
2. Table Rock Bus Parking Lot
3. Table Rock House Gift Shop, Scenic Tunnels, Restaurant-Tavern, (Public Washrooms)
4. Tours and Information Booth
5. City Information Booth
6. Horseshoe Falls Incline Railway
7. Ontario Power Generating Station
8. Historic Plaque—Father Louis Hennepin
9. Historic Plaque—Sir Casimir Gzowski
10. Princess Elizabeth Building (Public Washrooms)
11. Maid of the Mist Incline Railway and Maid of the Mist Boat Tours (Public Washrooms)
12. Tours and Information Booth
13. Clifton Gate Store
14. Rainbow Parking Lot "A"
15. Rainbow Carillon Tower
16. Rainbow Bridge Stores (Public Washrooms)
17. Rainbow Parking Lot "B"
18. Oakes Garden Theatre
19. Commemorative Planting
20. Fountain
21. Daffodil Plantings (late April—early May)
22. Niagara Parks Administration Building
23. Rock Garden
24. Rose Garden
25. Statue (King George VI)
26. Bandstand (Public Washrooms)
27. Niagara Parks Police Office
28. Victoria Park Restaurant (Public Washrooms)
29. Victoria Park Gift Shop
30. Tours and Information Booth
31. Illumination Building
32. Canadian Niagara Power Generating Station
33. Niagara Parks Maintenance Yards
34. Greenhouse and Plant Conservatory (Public Washrooms)
35. Fountain—"The Spirit of Park Hall"
36. Picnic Tables
- 36.A Oak Hall and Par 3 Golf (Public Washrooms)
37. Dufferin Islands Recreation Area (Public Washrooms) and Paddle Boats
38. Picnic Tables
39. Old Scow in Rapids
40. Toronto Power Generating Station

## QUEEN VICTORIA PARK

in Niagara Falls, Canada

Scale : 5mm = 125m

: 1/4" = 500' (approx.)





# CANADIAN "HORSESHOE" FALLS

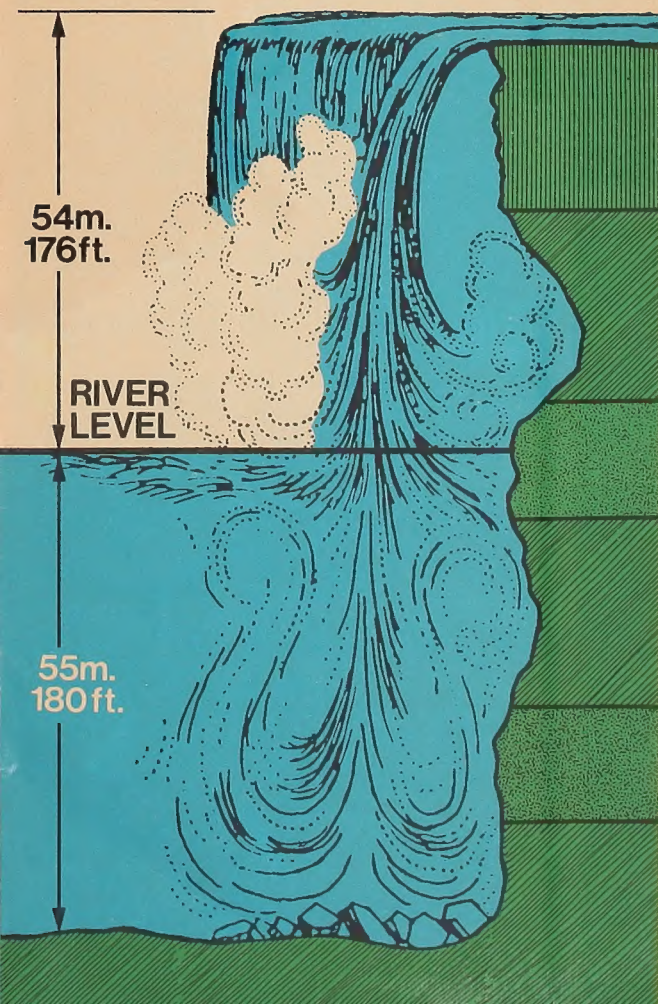
**DOLOMITE  
LIMESTONE**



**SHALE**



**SANDSTONE**



## NIAGARA FALLS IS A PRODUCT OF EROSION

A simplified cross-sectional view of the Horseshoe Falls reveals that a hard top layer of dolomite limestone is underlain by softer layers of sandstone and shale. The tumbling waters cut away the shale and sandstone layers until the undermined top layer collapses, thus maintaining the vertical face of the Falls.

About 12,000 years ago, the Niagara River was 11 kilometres (7 miles) downstream from its present position. Until the early 1950's, the Falls eroded at the average rate of 1 metre (3 feet) per year. Since then, major water diversions for the Sir Adam Beck #2 Generating Station (1954) combined with the construction of an International Control Works (1954-63) (to spread the flow more evenly over the entire crestline of the Horseshoe Falls) as well as remedial work to the Falls' flanks have slowed the rate of erosion. It has been **suggested** that the rate of erosion could now be as low as 30 centimetres (1 foot) in 10 years.

### VITAL STATISTICS

Total average flow of the Niagara River:  
 5 800 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (205,000 cfs)  
 Highest flow recorded—Dec. 19, 1972:  
 10 250 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (362,000 cfs)  
 Lowest flow recorded—Nov. 16, 1958:  
 4 006 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (141,470 cfs)

### CANADIAN "HORSESHOE" FALLS

Height: 54 metres (176 feet)  
 Length of Crestline: 675 metres (2,200 feet)  
 Volume of Flow: 90% of figures shown below

### AMERICAN FALLS

Height: 56 metres (184 feet)  
 Length of Crestline: 320 metres (1,060 feet)  
 Volume of Flow: 10% of figures shown below

### COMBINED VOLUME OF FLOW

April 1 to Sept. 15 — 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. —  
 2 830 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (100,000 cfs)  
 Sept. 16 to Oct. 31 — 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. —  
 2 830 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (100,000 cfs)  
 All other dates and times —  
 1 415 m<sup>3</sup>/sec (50,000 cfs)

**Note:** Remainder of flow is removed upstream from the Falls and shared equally for hydro-electric generation by Canada and the United States. The hydro potential of the Niagara River is 3.73 million kilowatts (5 million horsepower).





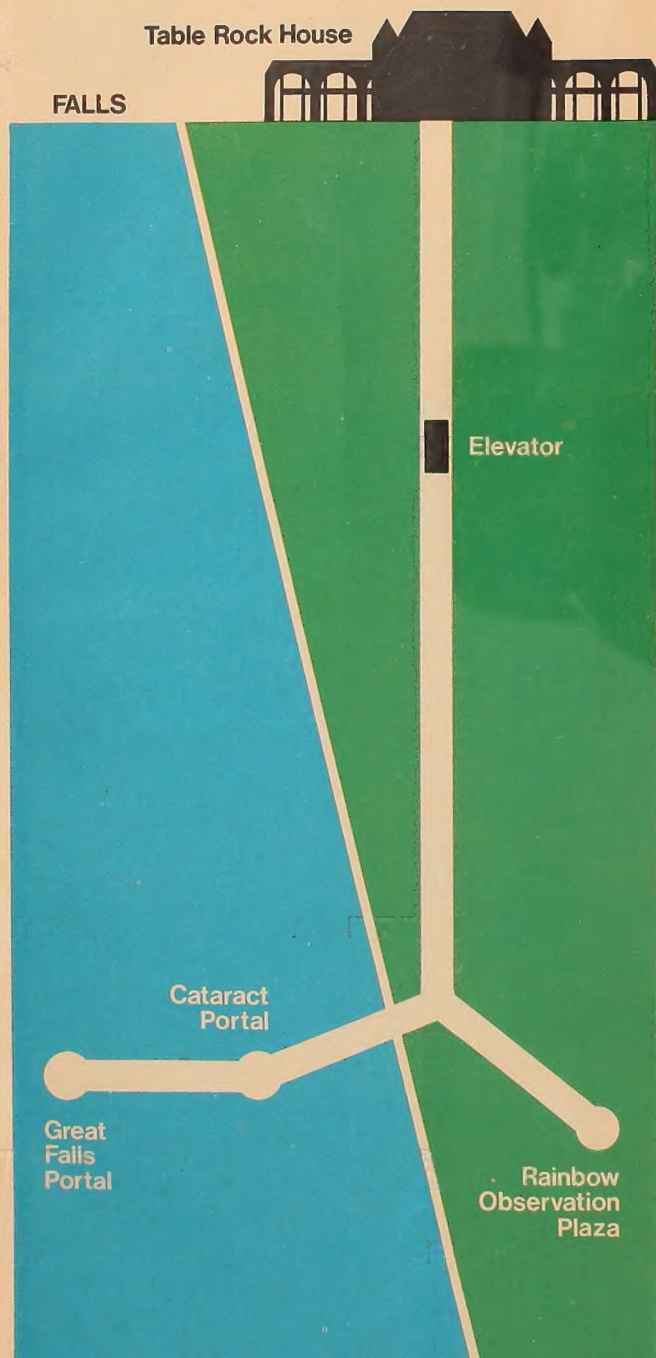
### TABLE ROCK SCENIC TUNNELS 3

The **focal point** for close-up views of the crashing waters is the world-famous Table Rock Scenic Tunnels. The entrance to the Tunnels is located inside Table Rock House at the very brink of the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. After dressing in a raincoat and boots, you ride down 38 metres (125 feet) by elevator then walk through 200 metres (650 feet) of underground tunnels which lead to three separate views of the Falls.

As you stand on the observation plaza just 8 metres (25 feet) above the river level, the thunder of the "Horseshoe" is an experience you will remember for the rest of your life. Here you will see the full sweep of the 675 metres wide (2,200 feet) "Horseshoe", the churning waters of the Gorge, the billowing mists (and on sunny days—the ever-present rainbow!). It's a very unique vantage point from which to view and photograph the Falls.

Just imagine! The waters in the Gorge directly in front of you are 55 metres (180 feet) deep—as deep as the Falls are high!!

Behind the mighty curtain of water, the two observation portals bring Niagara's cataracts literally to your fingertips. **(OPEN ALL YEAR)**







### TABLE ROCK RESTAURANT • TAVERN 3

Whether it's breakfast, lunch or dinner, mid-day or evening refreshments, the **fully-licensed** Table Rock Restaurant-Tavern is truly one of Niagara's highlights.

Located on the second floor at Table Rock House, and only a few metres from the magnificent Canadian "Horseshoe" Falls, it provides a breathtaking view of the entire Falls landscape and Upper Rapids.

The Table Rock menu boasts a delicious selection of fine food with special children's items, giving the whole family an opportunity to dine—and view the Falls—without the spray!

On the main floor, there is a large snack bar with outdoor picnic tables for those who prefer the convenience of fast-food service.

In Ontario's Niagara Parks, you'll find food services to suit every taste, mood and budget. **(OPEN ALL YEAR)**

### HORSESHOE FALLS 6 INCLINE RAILWAY

This system provides transportation with a scenic view as it transports people up and down the escarpment between two large parking areas adjacent to Table Rock House.

Just one short block from this Incline is the main Niagara Falls Bus Terminal located at the corner of Stanley Avenue and Dunn Street.





## GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS

Sentimental treasures and souvenir memorabilia are an important part of every travel vacation. With this in mind, The Niagara Parks Commission operates many fine gift and souvenir stores throughout The Niagara Parks for your convenience. The main retail locations in Queen Victoria Park are Table Rock House, the Princess Elizabeth Building, Clifton Gate Store, and the Victoria Park Gift Shop (refer back to map on page 4).

You'll quickly notice that a significant portion of our merchandise is "**Made in Canada**".

You'll be proud to take home some of our **Canadian specialty items** such as Indian and Eskimo dolls, art, soapstone carvings and handcrafts; Blue Mountain pottery; Rembrandt jewellery and charms in sterling silver and gold—and **other Canadian-made products** including sterling silver spoons, wood carvings, leather goods; maple sugar products; T-shirts; embroidered crests; and colourful souvenir booklets. We also have one of the area's best selections of postcards.

Or, if you are looking for **fine imported items**, we carry English chinaware, figurines and florals by Royal Doulton, Royal Albert, Aynsley and Beswick to name only a few; French miniature Limoges; Waterford Crystal; Hummel figurines from Germany (when available); Rockwell plates and pictures; wood carvings; wall decorations; glassware; brassware and copperware.

Financially, The Niagara Parks are self-funding. Tax revenues are not used in its operation. **Thank you for your interest and for your patronage.** It enables our Parks' staff to continue our Parks programme on your behalf.



TABLE ROCK HOUSE <sup>3</sup>



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## PRINCESS ELIZABETH BUILDING 10

Adjacent to the Maid of the Mist ticket office is the Princess Elizabeth Building which contains a gift shop (where you can browse again for gifts and souvenirs) and a snack bar (which is open all day serving breakfast and light meals).

The Clifton Gate Gift Store is also nearby—about 100 metres (300 feet) north of the Princess Elizabeth Building.

## MAID OF THE MIST BOAT TOURS 11

Niagara's "fantastic voyage" is a ride on one of the famous Maid of the Mist boats. There you'll be clad in a hooded raincoat (it's provided), sailing passed the cascading American Falls, then right up into the "heart" of the thundering "Horseshoe" Falls with the fresh spray on your face, the roar in your ears, and a genuine sense of awe and amazement in your soul.

## MAID OF THE MIST INCLINE RAILWAY 11

You reach the Maid of the Mist boats quickly via the Maid of the Mist Incline Railway which provides smooth transit down the steep gorge to the Maids' boarding docks.





## HORTICULTURAL DELIGHTS

The parkland area adjacent to the Canadian "Horseshoe" Falls is truly a royal garden setting—and yours to enjoy **free of charge**. It is named after Queen Victoria—the reigning British monarch when The Niagara Parks were set up in 1885.

From early Spring to late Fall, Queen Victoria Park's many acres of colourful gardens bloom profusely.

Over 500,000 golden daffodils herald the arrival of Spring in late April and early May—the largest mass planting in North America—it's the continent's **"Daffodil Capital"**. (See schedule on cover)

(During early May each year, the grand Blossom Festival Parade—a popular local celebration—passes right through Queen Victoria Park.)

These are followed by tulips, magnolias, roses and numerous other annuals, perennials, and exquisite carpet bedding displays throughout the Spring, Summer and Fall months. And, in late September and October, all of the tree-lined Niagara Parkway is dressed in Autumn's most colourful hues of red, orange and gold.

Remember, Queen Victoria Park provides the best views of both cataracts—summer and winter—an ideal place to stroll while you watch the coloured night lighting of the Falls.

Picture yourself in Queen Victoria Park—one of the most photographed places in the world!

## OAKES GARDEN THEATRE 18

Directly opposite from the Maid of the Mist ticket office is Oakes Garden Theatre—a **free** horticultural and architectural highlight of The Niagara Parks.

This is the former site of the Clifton Hotel which was destroyed by fire in December 1932. The Niagara Parks Commission received this property through the generosity of a former N.P.C. Commissioner, Sir Harry Oakes, in exchange for a smaller parcel of land outside the Queen Victoria Park boundaries.

Oakes Garden Theatre was formally opened on September 18, 1937. The architectural design is that of an amphitheatre which resembles those of the ancient Greeks and Romans, although with many radical departures as to detail. It is fan-shaped with a podium, colonnade and curved pergola and is entirely surrounded by an ornamental stone wall.

The formal gardens, sloping terraces, rock gardens and shrubbery of Oakes Garden Theatre are reminiscent of the famed outdoor theatres of Europe.







*"We appreciated. . . the lack of litter, and the presence of so much plant life and beautiful gardens. We were pleased to find that there are still people who strive for quality in their work. We appreciate your maintaining the natural surroundings for the magnificent spectacle of the Falls."*

— Visitors from Texas

## GREENHOUSE/PLANT CONSERVATORY 34

This popular **free** attraction of Queen Victoria Park is visited by about 300,000 people annually. It is **open all year** from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily (except Christmas Day). It's located on the Niagara Parkway just 500 metres (¼ mile) south of the Horseshoe Falls. One section features mass arrangements of flowers of seasonal interest (eg. Christmas poinsettias, Spring daffodils and tulips, Easter lilies, Fall chrysanthemums). The other section houses a permanent collection of interesting tropicals. (See schedule on cover)

This facility fulfills the very practical purpose of producing over 100,000 bedding plants annually for the hundreds of colourful gardens planted each year throughout the 56 km (35 miles) of Niagara Parklands.

The "Spirit of Park Hall" fountain, with its impressive centre bronze statue of a "rose girl" is located in the rose garden in front of the Greenhouse. This fountain is especially delightful at night when the animated waters dance to a sparkling program of coloured lighting.



## DUFFERIN ISLANDS RECREATION AREA 37

Just another short 500 metres (¼ mile) south from the Niagara Parks Greenhouse and Plant Conservatory is Dufferin Islands—a delightful recreation area.

The **Dufferin Islands Paddle Boats** provide a unique opportunity to ply the waters of "Duff" at a leisurely pace.

There's also a **free**, lifeguard-supervised swimming area. Or, stroll the short woodland trails which wind through the "islands". Where the waters of "Duff" flow back into the mainstream of the Niagara River, you'll find an excellent vantage point for viewing the tumbling, white waters of the Upper Rapids and also see an old Scow that has been marooned there since August 6, 1918.







## VICTORIA PARK RESTAURANT 28

During, or after, your busy and exciting tour of Queen Victoria Park, you owe yourself a relaxing dining experience. Vacation time is always the occasion to treat yourself and the whole family to something extra special in the way of "haute cuisine". And we are sure that you will find it at the Victoria Park Restaurant located on the Parkway, mid-way between the "Horseshoe" and American Falls, and offering a superb view of both cataracts. Resembling the style of a Swiss chalet, it has been catering to tourists since 1904.

The second floor dining room is **fully-licensed** and offers indoor dining—or outdoor dining on the covered balcony. Each entree is carefully supervised by our award-winning chefs. **(Children's portions are available at half price.)** Select a local Niagara wine—a product of the famous Niagara Fruit Belt. Then add fresh rolls, tasty desserts, and luscious French pastries baked right on the premises. What an unforgettable dining experience!

On the second floor, there is also a **Bavarian-style patio tavern** serving tasty snacks and light, bubbly refreshments. And, on the first floor, with a wide selection of a-la-carte items, is a **modern cafeteria** that's **open all year**. The **Victoria Park Gift Shop** is on the first floor, too—another opportunity for shopping! (Before you leave, pick up some fresh film for your camera. There's still a lot more sightseeing ahead!)

At all Niagara Parks restaurants, our courteous staff looks forward to the pleasure of serving you. Dress code is optional—dress up or come-as-you-are! You'll find the atmosphere is relaxed and friendly.

**In Queen Victoria Park, we treat you royally.**

## LEGEND

41. Great Gorge Trip (Public Washrooms)
42. Great Gorge Rapids
43. Niagara Spanish Aero Car, Whirlpool Gift Shop and Snack Bar (Public Washrooms)
44. Niagara Gorge—Geological Plaque
45. Whirlpool Golf Course and Restaurant (Public Washrooms)
46. Thompson's Point—Scenic Overlook
47. Niagara Glen Nature Area, Gift Shop and Snack Bar (Public Washrooms)
48. School of Horticulture (Public Washrooms)
49. Sir Adam Beck Generating Stations 1 and 2
50. Robert Moses Generating Station
51. Niagara Floral Clock
52. Lilac Gardens
53. Queenston Heights Park (Public Washrooms)  
Queenston Heights Restaurant, Brock's Monument, Tennis Courts
54. Niagara Escarpment—Historic Plaque
55. Village of Queenston and Riverside Park
56. Laura Secord Homestead
57. McFarland House (Public Washrooms)
58. Fort George (Public Washrooms)
59. Shaw Theatre



Niagara Parkway  
to Queenston &  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

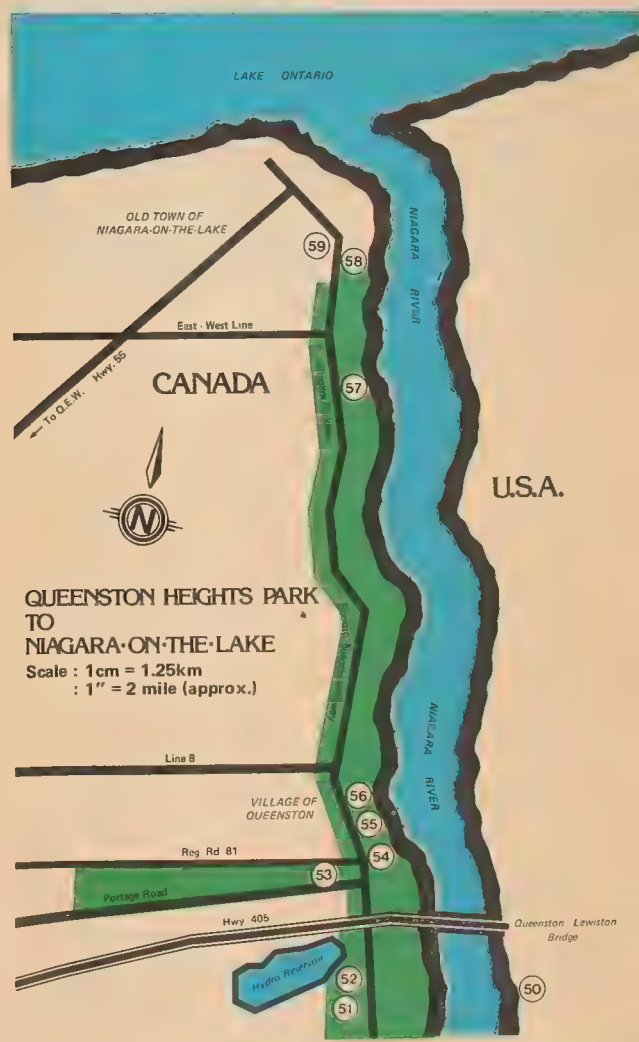
# RAINBOW BRIDGE TO QUEENSTON HEIGHTS PARK

Scale : 1cm = 600m  
: 1" = 1mile (approx.)



# GORGE AND LOWER RIVER NIAGARA PARKWAY-NORTH

After your tour of Queen Victoria Park, don't rush away from Niagara thinking that you have finished all there is to see and do. You've only just **begun!** There are 22 kilometres (14 miles) of Parkway north of Niagara Falls as you travel to Niagara-on-the-Lake.







## GREAT GORGE TRIP AND NIAGARA DAREDEVIL EXHIBIT 41,42

Following the Niagara Parkway north from Queen Victoria Park, you pass under the arching steel of the Rainbow Bridge, through a residential area, under the Lower Arch and Whirlpool Rapids Bridges and finally arrive at the Great Gorge Trip and Niagara Daredevil Exhibit, some 4.5 kilometres (3 miles) downstream.

Here you can learn about Niagara's daredevil history and closely examine several of the actual barrels used to ride over the Falls and through the Rapids. Then you can stroll the scenic boardwalk beside the raging white waters of the Great Gorge Rapids and wonder how it must have been to challenge this mighty torrent.

The Niagara River rushes through this narrow channel at an average speed of 45 kilometres per hour (30 m.p.h.)—reputed to be one of the most treacherous sections of white water in all of North America.

## SPANISH AERO CAR 43

From the Great Gorge Trip, it's only 1 kilometre (½ mile) north to the Spanish Aero Car—a thrilling cable car ride over the famous Niagara Whirlpool. As you board the Aero Car and survey the surrounding landscape, you notice that your crossing is between two points in Canada. The round trip is slightly more than 1 kilometre (3600 feet) and takes about 10 minutes. Have your camera ready to capture some unique photos both upstream and downstream.

When you arrive back on terra firma, there is the fine Whirlpool Gift Shop to explore and also a snack bar serving take-out foods such as hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks and ice cream.







## WHIRLPOOL GOLF COURSE 45

Continuing north on the Parkway another 2 kilometres (1 mile), you arrive at the well-known Niagara Parks 18-hole Whirlpool Golf Course—**highly-rated** among Canada's finest **public** golf courses. Rental clubs are available—hand carts and electric cars, too.

In the clubhouse is a **public restaurant** with an excellent view of the first tee and 18th green. It is **fully-licensed** and is open for breakfast, lunch and afternoon meals. Also on the premises is "The Nineteenth Hole", a fully-licensed lounge. Drop in anytime for some leisurely relaxation, good food and cool, sparkling refreshments. Visitors and non-golfers are always welcome.

Throughout The Niagara Parks, you'll find food services to suit every taste, mood and budget.

## NIAGARA GLEN NATURE AREA 47

This peaceful retreat on the Niagara Parkway, just 1 kilometre (½ mile) north from the Whirlpool Golf Course, boasts nature trails, a gift shop, snack bar, and picnic area.

Those who stop here and are prepared to do some hiking down the Gorge to the shore of the River will be well-rewarded. The 4 kilometres (2½ miles) of trails here are well laid out and easily negotiated—if you take your time! There's lots of interesting geology and biology to explore.

From late June to Labour Day, the Park Naturalist conducts **free guided nature walks** through this area. Consult the schedules posted there.

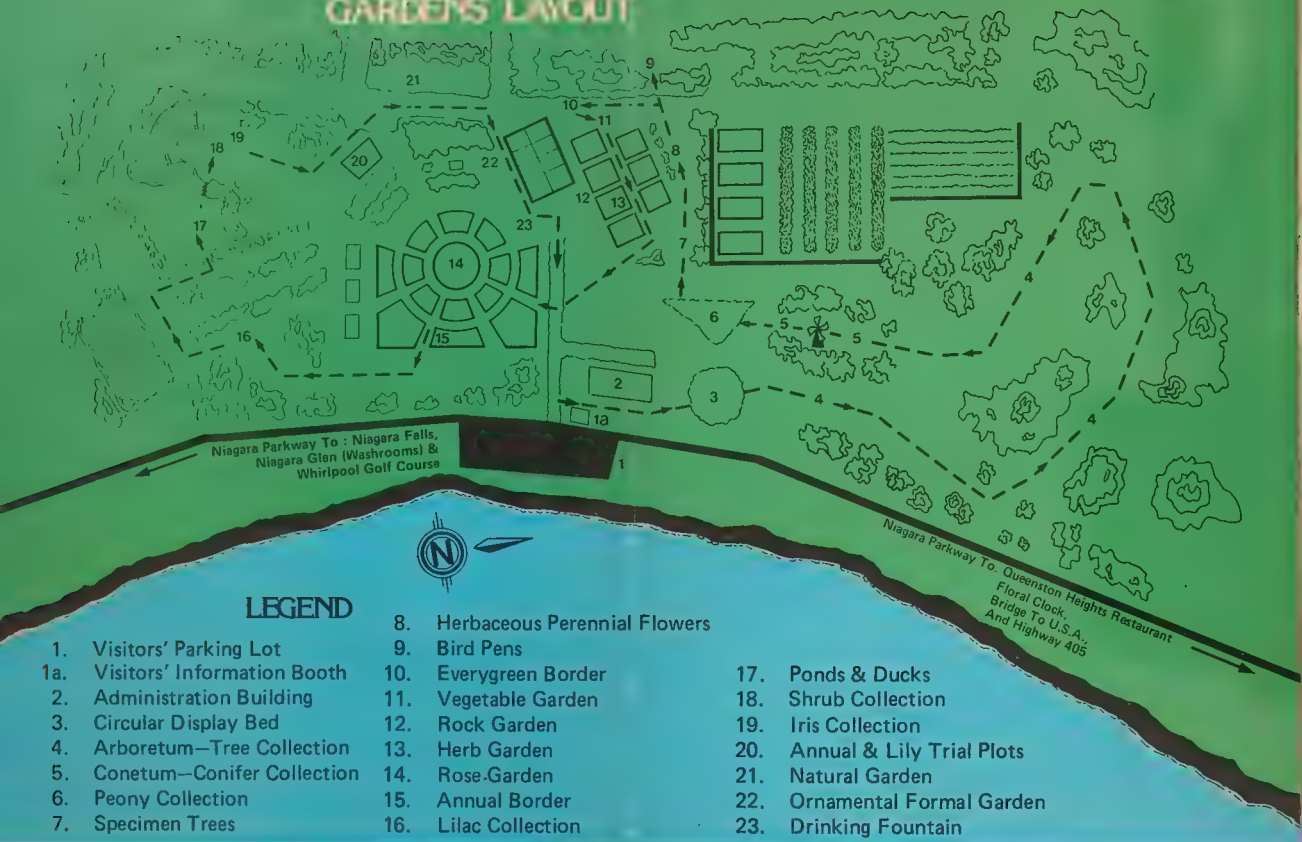
After your sojourn along the trails, you'll need a cool soft drink, ice cream or light meal from the small restaurant at the "top". Dine inside or use our open-air tables and covered pavilion in the picnic area.

The Niagara Glen Gift Shop provides another opportunity to buy film, gifts and souvenirs.





## GARDENS LAYOUT



### LEGEND

- |                                 |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Visitors' Parking Lot        | 8. Herbaceous Perennial Flowers | 17. Ponds & Ducks             |
| 1a. Visitors' Information Booth | 9. Bird Pens                    | 18. Shrub Collection          |
| 2. Administration Building      | 10. Evergreen Border            | 19. Iris Collection           |
| 3. Circular Display Bed         | 11. Vegetable Garden            | 20. Annual & Lily Trial Plots |
| 4. Arboretum—Tree Collection    | 12. Rock Garden                 | 21. Natural Garden            |
| 5. Conetum—Conifer Collection   | 13. Herb Garden                 | 22. Ornamental Formal Garden  |
| 6. Peony Collection             | 14. Rose Garden                 | 23. Drinking Fountain         |
| 7. Specimen Trees               | 15. Annual Border               |                               |
|                                 | 16. Lilac Collection            |                               |

## SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE 48

From the Niagara Glen, continue north another 500 metres ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile) to The Niagara Parks School of Horticulture.

Established in 1936, it is the only residential school for apprentice gardeners in Canada. Visitors are invited to stroll around the campus and view the garden display areas at their leisure. **Free of charge.**

The students' 3 year training programme is designed to enable them to obtain practical experience and participate in an eight hours per day physical work schedule, similar to conditions encountered when employed in the Horticultural professional field. Students are responsible for the maintenance and development of the 100 acre school campus and gardens. During the winter, all students spend practical training periods at the Niagara Parks Greenhouses. In addition, an intensive classroom lecture schedule of carefully-selected subjects is designed to provide all students with a sound basic knowledge of horticultural sciences and theory.

Horticulturalists who hold The Niagara Parks Diploma are eagerly sought by employers engaged in various fields of practical horticulture. Many graduates of the school have found employment in parks, nurseries, greenhouses, floriculture, and other horticultural enterprises that demand an intimate knowledge of plants and their habits.

The School grounds provide a great variety of colourful and attractive displays of plant materials from **early Spring to late Fall**, as follows:

- |                     |                                     |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| April 15 to May 30  | — spring flowering bulbs            |
| May 10 to May 20    | — flowering Japanese cherries       |
| May 15 to June 5    | — lilacs                            |
| May 25 to June 10   | — rhododendrons                     |
| May 24 to June 30   | — irises                            |
| June 10 to June 20  | — peonies                           |
| June 10 to Sept. 30 | — roses and summer annuals          |
| Sept. 15 to frost   | — hardy chrysanthemums              |
| April 15 to Oct. 15 | — perennial borders and rock garden |

(All dates approximate)





## FLORAL CLOCK 51

Niagara's Floral Clock is another **free** horticultural attraction just 2.5 kilometres (1½ miles) north from the School of Horticulture. It's planted by The Niagara Parks Commission and every year the "face" receives a new design. It is the world's largest Floral Clock at 12.2 metres (40 feet) in diameter and formed by 25,000 plants.

## LILAC GARDENS 52

Adjacent to the Floral Clock, on the north side, is a recently-developed lilac garden which blooms profusely late in May each year. There are 256 varieties planted here—over 1500 individual shrubs comprise this planting.



## QUEENSTON HEIGHTS PARK 53

Travelling another 1 kilometre (½ mile) north from the Floral Clock, on the Niagara Parkway, you arrive at Queenston Heights Park—a **recreational and historic focal point of the North Parkway** featuring a vast picnic area with open-air tables and covered pavilions, five tennis courts (pay-as-you-play), children's playground area and wading pool, public washrooms, a bandshell, snack bar, Brock's Monument, and the fully-licensed **Queenston Heights Restaurant**.

At Brock's Monument, ask the attendant for a "Battle of Queenston Heights Walking Tour" brochure (it's bilingual).

On Sunday afternoons from late June to Labour Day, you'll be treated to a delightful **free** band concert between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## QUEENSTON HEIGHTS RESTAURANT 53

After your very active tour of the North Niagara Parkway, it's time for another evening of dining relaxation—at the **fully-licensed** Queenston Heights Restaurant. Nestled high on the brow of the Niagara Escarpment, 100 metres (340 feet) above the River, the view of the Lower Niagara and the world famous fruitlands is spectacular and provides a unique "tree-top" dining experience. Friendly, courteous service is our hallmark and family dining is the emphasis with **children's portions at half price**. Our award-winning chef and entire staff look forward to the distinct pleasure of personally serving you and your family for lunch or dinner.







## NORTH FROM QUEENSTON HEIGHTS

From Queenston Heights, the Niagara Parkway winds its way north another 11.5 kilometres (7 miles) to the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. About 2 kilometres (1 mile) before you arrive in the Town is the historic, old, Georgian-style McFarland House, a fine example of early pioneer brick architecture. You'll want to inspect its carefully-restored rooms and antique furnishings. There is also a refreshment counter in the House, and McFarland Park provides a playground, picnic pavilion, open-air tables and public washrooms.

In Niagara-on-the-Lake, you'll want to see Fort George and the Shaw Theatre. Then, spend some time browsing or just touring this historic town famous for its many buildings of early-Canadian architecture.



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## NIAGARA PARKWAY SOUTH





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The next exciting segment of your tour of Ontario's Niagara Parks takes you south from the Horseshoe Falls on a breathtaking 34 kilometre (21 mile) scenic drive along the serene expanses of the Upper Niagara River ending at Old Fort Erie.

### LEGEND

60. Oak Hall and Par 3 Golf (Public Washrooms)
61. Dufferin Islands (Public Washrooms)
62. International Control Works
63. Hydro Control Gates
64. King's Bridge Park (Public Washrooms)
65. Boat Launching Ramp
66. Willoughby Historical Museum (Public Washrooms)
67. Boat Launching Ramp
68. Boat Launching Ramp
69. Miller's Creek Park (Campground)
70. Niagara Parks Marina (Public Washrooms)
71. Boat Launching Ramp
72. Boat Launching Ramp
73. Mather Arch and Park
74. Old Fort Erie (Public Washrooms)



## OAK HALL AND PAR 3 GOLF 60

Before you leave the City of Niagara Falls, you might want to try a round of golf at Oak Hall Par 3—on Portage Road opposite Marineland. Or, come back tonight, because this course is **lighted for night golfing**. Don't leave though, until you have checked out the huge Oak Hall Estate Mansion—formerly the home of the late Sir Harry Oakes. As well as some of the original Oakes furnishings, The Niagara Parks Commission's main collection of early Niagara oil paintings and lithographs is also on display here.



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## KING'S BRIDGE PARK 64

From Oak Hall, travel south on Portage Road only 500 metres ( $\frac{1}{4}$  mile), turn left onto Burning Springs Road and, at its end, turn right onto the Niagara Parkway.

Almost immediately on your left is the International Control Works followed by two high control gates which divert water by twin tunnels to the Sir Adam Beck Generating Stations downstream. Each tunnel is 8.8 kilometres long ( $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles) and 13.7 metres (45 feet) in diameter.

Next is King's Bridge Park with **free** lifeguard-supervised swimming, a snack bar, open-air picnic tables and a covered picnic pavilion.

## SCENIC NIAGARA PARKWAY

Just south of King's Bridge Park, the Niagara Parkway meets Portage Road, and you make a little jog through the former Village of Chippawa. Just follow the Niagara Parkway signs. When you rejoin the Niagara Parkway (at the end of Main Street) notice how you are travelling right along the River's edge. It will be this way for the next 29 kilometres (18 miles) all the way to Old Fort Erie. **It's one of the most beautiful drives in the world.**

Areas along this winding tree-lined route provide ideal family picnicking overlooking the River.

Several **free** launching ramps provide access to the River's recreational resources. Pleasure boating, water-skiing and fishing are popular activities.

Numerous plaques commemorate significant events of Niagara's early history.

The Willoughby Historical Museum is operated by volunteers from the Willoughby Historical Society. The displays feature many local artifacts relating to the history of the Niagara Peninsula.

Privately-owned motels provide relaxing overnight accommodation along this attractive riverfront route.



## MILLER'S CREEK PARK (Campground) 69

After travelling south on the Parkway 22.5 kilometres (14 miles) from the brink of the Horseshoe Falls, you arrive at Miller's Creek Park—an ideal campground for those who prefer quiet solitude slightly off the beaten path.

### FACILITIES:

- 54 campsites—heavily wooded
- Camping for tents and trailers
- Running water • Showers • Laundry facilities
- Trading Post
- Playground
- Each site has its own fireplace and picnic table
- Dumping station and limited electrical outlets
- Reservations accepted
- Group camping area
- Boat launching ramp nearby
- Small beach beside Marina

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(416) 356-2241 (all other months)

## NIAGARA PARKS MARINA 70

This modern facility, with a public snack bar serving light meals, is just 500 metres (¼ mile) south of Miller's Creek Park. Sit outside in the picnic area and enjoy the fresh country air as you watch the pleasure boats come and go.

## OLD FORT ERIE 74

This restored fort of the 1812-14 War period "anchors" the south end of the Niagara Parkway, just 11.5 kilometres (7 miles) south from Miller's Creek Park.

Visitors are conducted through the Fort by guards dressed in the uniforms of the British 8th Regiment which built, defended and besieged the Fort. During the summer months, these guards also stand sentry duty and demonstrate drill and artillery practice—a re-enactment of some of the duties of the soldiers of 1812-14.

At the Fort, you'll also find a gift shop, snack bar, picnic area, and **free** Sunday afternoon band concerts.

While you are visiting in the Town of Fort Erie, pick up some literature on other attractions in the local area from the Chamber of Commerce at 68 Goderich Street.





## SATELLITE PARKS

### CHARLES DALEY PARK

Approaching Niagara Falls along the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW), or leaving Niagara Falls for other Ontario destinations, you pass Charles Daley Park. It's right on the shore of vast and beautiful Lake Ontario, just west of St. Catharines, Ontario. Exit at Seventh Street. You'll really enjoy the **camping and daily recreation** here with a wide range of modern facilities:

#### FACILITIES:

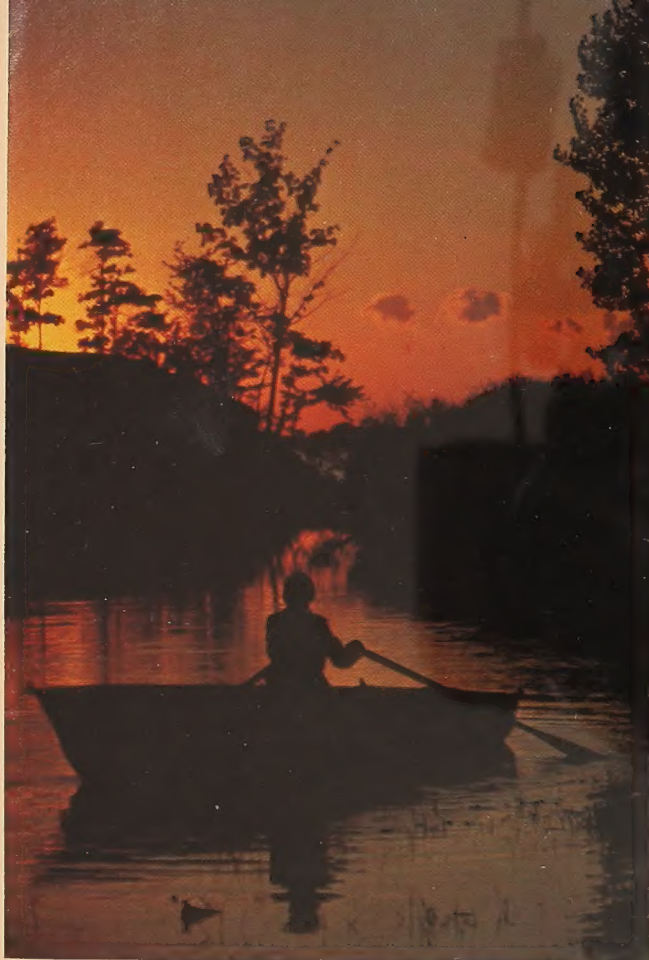
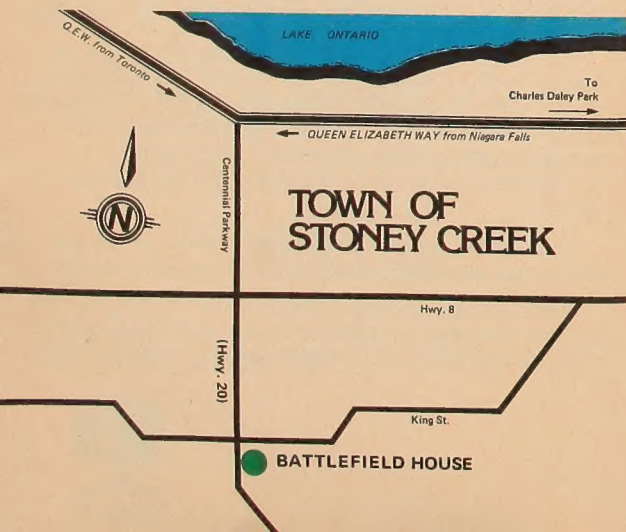
- 65 campsites
- Running water • Showers
- Refreshment booth and groceries
- Swimming • Change rooms
- Playground • Picnic areas
- Fireplaces at 35 sites
- Dumping station and limited electrical outlets
- Picnic tables at all sites
- Docking facilities nearby
- Colourful sunsets!

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356-2241 (October to April)

## STONEY CREEK, ONTARIO

### BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

Located near Hamilton, Battlefield House was originally the home of pioneer settlers who came to Upper Canada after the war of the American Revolution. The House has been renovated, fully-restored and furnished with antiques of the 1800-1840 period. Adjoining the House are 34 acres of parkland with historic monuments, picnic areas, and a bandshell.







## NIAGARA FALL AND WINTER

Many people visit Niagara during the Spring and Summer seasons. Fall and Winter are spectacular, too!

The Summer gardens last into **late September** and even **early October** depending on the arrival of the first frost.

In **October**, the tree-lined Niagara Parkway is dressed in Autumn's most colourful hues of red, orange, and gold.

**Winter** brings an added dimension of beauty and outdoor activity to Niagara. The clinging spray of the Falls blankets the nearby trees, rocks, and lamp posts forming unique frozen shapes. This frosty "Winter Wonderland" is a photographer's delight.

The famous Niagara "ice-bridge" usually forms in the Gorge below the cataracts in **early January**.

For **winter** bird watching, Niagara is exceptional. Almost anywhere along the 34 kilometres (21 miles) of Scenic Parkway between Niagara Falls and Fort Erie, you can see numerous species of ducks and gulls. However, the use of binoculars is recommended for best results.

Also enjoy **free** cross-country ski trails at The Whirlpool Golf Course in **winter**. The Clubhouse is open and offers rental ski equipment, food and refreshments. And remember, The Table Rock Scenic Tunnels, Table Rock Restaurant-Tavern, Victoria Park Cafeteria, Victoria Park Gift Shop, Princess Elizabeth Building and The Niagara Parks Greenhouse/Plant Conservatory are **open all year**.



## THE GREAT NIAGARA

With a total length of only 56 kilometres (35 miles), the Niagara is one of the world's shortest rivers. Yet, it is without doubt, one of the most famous, most scenic, most majestic, most powerful, and most photographed. It is studied in classrooms around the world. It ranks as a natural wonder of the world. The intense desire by people of all nations to visit this spectacle of nature brings an average of 12 million people to Niagara each year.

The Niagara Parks Commission is vested with the management and development of the unique Parks System which borders this beautiful River. This is a high public trust, which encompasses a variety of programmes and facilities related to preservation, restoration, commemoration, beautification and attraction. As such, The Niagara Parks are the **"Front Window of the Province"** and a **"Gateway to Canada"**.

It is our sincere desire that the wide variety of recreational and leisure experiences offered will create pleasant memories that last a lifetime.

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For more information about other attractions, festivals and accommodation in the Niagara area please contact:

- The Niagara Resort and Tourist Association  
5433 Victoria Ave., Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 3L1  
(416) 356-6061
- The Regional Niagara Tourist Council  
227 Church St., St. Catharines, Ontario L2R 3E8  
(416) 685-1571
- Festival Country (416) 522-8351  
370 Main St. E., Suite 107, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 1J6

For reservations and rates at the following locations, please contact:

- Maid of the Mist (416) 358-5781  
5920 River Rd., Niagara Falls, Ontario L2G 3K8
- Great Gorge Trip (416) 356-0904  
4330 River Rd., Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 6T3
- Fort George & Brock's Monument (416) 468-2741  
Box 787, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0
- Shaw Festival Theatre (416) 468-3201  
Box 774, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0



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## APPROACHING NIAGARA

**Entering Ontario from New York State** three main bridges provide easy access to Ontario's Niagara Parks and the Niagara Parkway. At Buffalo, cross over into Canada on the Peace Bridge. From Niagara Falls, New York, enter via the Rainbow Bridge. From Lewiston, New York, use the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge.

**From Eastern Ontario**, follow Hwy. 401 west to Hwy. 427 at Toronto. Follow Hwy. 427 south to the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW), then follow the "QEW-Niagara" signs.

**From Western Ontario**, follow Hwy. 401 east to Hwy. 6. Follow Hwy. 6 south to Hwy. 403. Take Hwy. 403 east to the QEW, then follow the "QEW-Niagara" signs.

## NEED ASSISTANCE ?

Ontario's Niagara Parks are patrolled by The Niagara Parks Police. Good public relations is a high priority of these Officers. An important responsibility is to serve our Park visitors with integrity and effectiveness.

If you need emergency assistance, or help in locating a lost item while visiting The Niagara Parks, phone 356-1338.

